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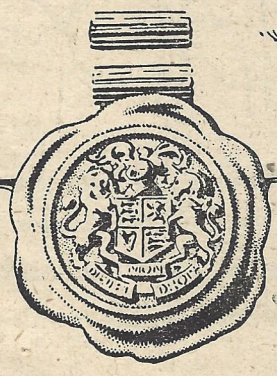

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Association (Soccer) Football: Its Origin and Evolution

By R.H.M.

Cambridge Rules appear have been more closely followed by the code finally than the draft rules submitted to an earlier meeting. Chief points of difference between the new laws and those drawn up by Cantabs were:—

Minimum length of ground, yards instead of 150, as Cambridge.

Goals, 24 feet wide, as 15 feet at Cambridge.

changed after each goal, instead of at half-time as provided by Cambridge.

throw in from touch, instead kicking in (Cambridge).

From a touch-down under Association rules, the side had a free kick from the goal-line, the kicking from the the Cantabs allowed side a free kick 25 yards the goal-line.

the Cantabs allowed handling **whatever,** the Association permitted catches.

every other detail the were practically similar.

Not one of the original rules remains unaltered at the present time. It will be convenient to trace briefly the gradual evolution of the laws of the game, before dealing with other matters. As the first code was more or less an experimental one, and as there were so many rival sets of rules, it is not surprising to find that alterations were very numerous during the earlier years of the existence of the Association. One of the first was the adoption of a tape extending from one goal-post to another at a height of 8 feet from the ground, under which the ball had to be kicked to score a goal. In 1886 the offside rule was altered, the principle adopted being the same as existed right until the 1925 season. The fair-catch rule was omitted, and it was enacted that "no player carry or knock on the ball." Handling, however, was not strictly prohibited, for it was permissible to pat the ball down with the hand, although this was by the better players considered to be bad form.

The law which regulated the kick-out after the ball had crossed the goal-line was amended, so that the defending side always kicked off from within 6 yards of their goal-put behind by one of their own players, except, of course, after a goal had been scored.

In 1867, the Sheffield clubs, which were comparatively very numerous in this nursery of the dribbling game, met and formed an Association and adopted a code of laws. These differed in many respects from those of the Football Association. The goal-posts were 4 yards apart, with a bar across them 9 feet from the ground, and at each side of the goal there were other posts 4 yards beyond the goal-posts, also with bars at 9 feet from the ground, these being called "Rouge Flags." A goal was scored only by sending the ball between the central space, but if it passed between the goal and either of the side posts (or rouge flags) a rouge was scored. In the event of no goal being scored, the match was decided by rouges, but a goal was far superior to any number of minor points. The offside rule adopted by the Sheffielders was indeed a curious one.

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Hot from Brisbane

Mid-week Soccer Boom; Jim Traynor Arrives: Breaking Gate Records.

(By G. R. TAINTON.)

Soccer's growing popularity in Brisbane is much in evidence just now. Whilst gates at headquarters, the Brisbane Cricket Ground, are 100 per cent. better than last season, we had the spectacle this week of tramway men, breadcarters, bank clerks, and wharf labourers, meeting to form a Mid-Week Soccer Association. The new idea is being sponsored by the Queensland Football Association, and no less than six teams will participate in the competition, to be commenced about a week hence. Fixtures will be played each Thursday afternoon.

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The tramway men are particularly keen Soccer players. The prime mover in making Soccer popular with them is Mr. Angus Campbell, who tells me that the Sydney tramway men are making inquiries with a view to sending a team to Brisbane. Such a visit would do much good. Brisbane's "trammies" played Soccer last year, but they will play for a cup for the first time this season. The Q.F.A. is presenting this trophy, and is generally doing everything possible to make mid-week Soccer a success.

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Jim Traynor has arrived in Brisbane. He was a spectator at the 'Gabba last Saturday. He has since signed on with Shafston Rovers, a club of young players, to whom the Fickle Goddess has been anything but kind of late. Traynor will appear at centre half for Shafston against Pineapple Rovers this Saturday. He should considerably stiffen the Shafston team, whose rivals, also from Kangaroo Point, now regard their opponents as anything but an easy proposition.

All gate records are expected to be broken at the Brisbane Cricket Ground this Saturday. The attraction will be an effort by Latrobe, led by the Queensland captain, Edgar Rigby, to spoil Blackstone Rovers' unbeaten record. Blackstone have won all seven of their matches played this season. On Saturday last they defeated Bundamba, a formidable West Moreton lot, by 3-2, and it now remains to be seen whether Latrobe, Blackstone's most difficult proposition at the 'Gabba this season, can stop their winning trot.

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The Brisbane team to meet Ipswich at the 'Gabba on June 3 (King's Birthday) will be selected this Saturday night. Speculation is rife as to what the personnel of the side will be, but if I were asked to tip it, it would be on these lines: Goal, Owen; backs, Johnson and Rigby, halves, Leitch, Traynor, or Murray, Park; forwards, Hoskins, Steel (provided he has recovered from his injury), May, Gibb and Stone. Thistle's new goalie, McKenzie, may also be in the running.

Soccer Football: Its Origin and Evolution.

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It reads as follows:—

"Any player between an opponent's goal and goalkeeper (unless he has followed the ball there) is offside and out of play. The goalkeeper is that player on the defending side who, for the time being, is nearest to his own goal."

The kick out from the [illegible] line was similar to the F[illegible] Association rule, if the ba[illegible] kicked over the goal or [illegible] flags; but, to quote the [illegible]

"When the ball is kick[illegible] hind the goal-line, the [illegible] side to that which kicked [illegible] shall throw it in from [illegible] it went out, not less th[illegible] yards towards the other [illegible]

Handling was not al[illegible] Free kicks were provi[illegible] penalties for certain [illegible] against the rules, and [illegible] these were taken no pl[illegible] the opposite side was [illegible] ted to be within three [illegible] the kicker. It was furth[illegible] vided that there should [illegible] score from a free kick.

(To be continued)

COWRA v. ORA[illegible]

During the week-end the [illegible] Soccer Club journeyed to C[illegible] play a combined team fr[illegible] town. The game was a [illegible] exhibition of the code, [illegible] played with plenty of [illegible] sportsmanship, and prov[illegible] both Cowra and Orange ha[illegible] sterling players, and, wi[illegible] more training, local [illegible] should see some sparkling [illegible] in the future.

Cowra were victorious by [illegible] but Orange are confident [illegible] ing the tables at their ne[illegible] which will be in the near fu[illegible]

The Orange team left on [illegible] day morning by motor bus, [illegible] in time for lunch, which wa[illegible] vided by Cowra as also wa[illegible] dinner at night, in which so[illegible] enthusiastic speeches were [illegible] noticeably one by the Cow[illegible] sident, who sees a bright [illegible] for Soccer in that town.

Mr. Craddock, President [illegible] Orange Club, spoke of S[illegible] move forward, and hoped th[illegible] present game would be a fo[illegible] ner of many more, which [illegible] bring Soccer into prominen[illegible] the districts.

The Referees' Corner

is still far more doubt than ould be concerning exactly nstitutes a "caution."

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gh it is over three years e present rule was intro- a large number of referees uch larger number of play- e but the haziest of ideas on ject.

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s the simplest way of ex- the matter is to say that a caution is a degree less emoval from the field— more nor less.

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it follows that the offence one which, whilst within ering off" category, is not d enough to warrant the alty.

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what do we find? One re- autioning" a player for en- g at the kick-off, and in an- se a player being cautioned erately kicking an oppon-

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s were not meant for of these cases. A player roaches at the kick-off may petuously, and with no idea g wrong. All that is neces- re is a word to go back. t a caution!

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d only become a case for a ion if the player persisted g it after being advised to e proper position. Such cy would amount to un- nly conduct, and would re- caution before sending him

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of deliberate kicking also s which no caution rule r intended to cover. For ilful and wanton conduct nly one decision—ordering

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referees have got to get is a realisation that a cau- t be administered in such to lead the player to know is to be recorded, that he r more of it.

It is not sufficient to say to a player, "Don't do that," and then send his name to the Association as having been cautioned.

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No man has successfully refereed half-a-dozen games without learning how valuable is a word in season, which is not a caution. You can speak to a player who encroaches or commits any sort of technical irregularity and quite often you can give a word to a player who is (sometimes quite unconsciously) getting out of hand, without either of them being cautions.

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There is no need to bring undue officialdom into your conduct of the game. Whatever we may be told to the contrary, players as a general rule have a wholesome respect for the referee, and a quiet word will do wonders with nine players out of ten.

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But the word must be given in the right spirit—that peculiar spirit which must be the gift of every successful referee—that of friendly advice based on a real conception of the game.

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Where it becomes necessary to administer an official caution—one which by F.A. regulations you must record—you must say to the player: "This is the only (or last) warning I shall give you before sending you off the field. I must report having cautioned you; please give me your name."

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The average player will recognise that he has gone as far as he dare, and will not offend again, if you let him know clearly that what he has received is a real "caution" and not a word of friendly advice.

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At least a third of the players who receive "marching orders" would be saved that indignity if they knew they had actually been cautioned.

Quite often the first indication a player has that he has been really cautioned is when the referee asks for his name when signing the result sheet. There have been cases where the referee has only looked on the result sheet for the position of the player he cautioned, and has then reported the name given without verifying whether the player was the right one or not.

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This constitutes a breach of a regulation which was framed to enable referees to avoid administering the full penalty and yet preserve a record of players who were regularly so near being sent off as to be cautioned.

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A referee should remember that the fact that cautions are recorded demands that he should exercise every care in obtaining the correct name.

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The other side of the question is the giving of cautions where the offence merits being sent off. There is nothing in the laws to warrant such an action, and it is liable to cause a game to get out of hand.

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At the same time such leniency is probably rare and is more likely to be due to the referee having a genuine doubt as to whether or not the offence was as bad as it looked.

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In such cases he can use his discretion, but he must not abuse his privilege.

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On this unsavoury topic of cautions and ordering off there is another point concerning which many referees are in doubt. This is on the subject of illegal or dangerous boots, or shin guards. The law (No. 12) provides that if a player is wearing boots which are dangerous by reason of projecting nails or other enumerated defects, the referee must prohibit him taking further part in the match. He cannot even be permitted to change his boots and return to the field, unless he himself has made the discovery first and then obtained permission to leave and change. In these cases the referee does not have to report the incident at all.

PROGRAMME

CANTERBURY v. ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT, Canterbury 3.15

CANTERBURY
(BLUE AND GOLD)

Bailey

1 McLaren 2 W. Brown
3 E. Loveridge 4 Crowhurst 5 Clark
6 J. Burns 7 L. Cook 8 R. Bennett 9 Forbes 10 A. Burns

O

10 R. Osborn 9 R. Books 8 L. Brisbane 7 Foley 6 J. Allan
5 A. Lambert 4 D. Downing 3 A. Owen
2 W. Turner 1 J. Crum

F. Anderson

ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT.
(Black)

Reserves—Canterbury, 11 E. Burns, 12 Casley
Ann.-Leichhardt, 11 Sproule
Referee—G. McLay. Linesmen, Messrs. Harbor and Cockwell

2nd Grade 1.45

CANTERBURY.

Kellie

12 Joass 13 Tyson
14 Casley 15 W. Robinson 16 Meighan
17 Stannard 18 McLeod 19 Horan 20 Howard 21 Dackin

O

20 S. Campbell 19 S. Quinn 18 R. Birch 17 W. Park 16 J. Gigg
15 W. Burcham 14 A. Crum 13 G. Graham
12 G. Froome 11 W. Sims

J. Cole

ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT.

Reserves—Canterbury, 21 Walker, 22 Whitehead, 23 Crozier
Referee, W. Doidge

Granville's Withdrawal.

The action of the Granville Club in withdrawing from the Metropolitan Association competitions is unparalleled in the code's history. There is little wonder that the officials of the Granville Club have failed to gain a single sympathiser from amongst the other eleven affiliated First Grade district clubs.

Succinctly stated, the Granville Club's reason for its unwarranted action is that the clubs of the Association refuse to be mulcted to pay Granville Club committeemen the sum of 10/- each for controlling Clyde Oval. If the Granville Club paid these men, who will not give their services voluntarily, from its own share of the gate, the other clubs and the Association would have no objection. When Granville Club plays on Ibrox Park and Canterbury Sports Ground it is not asked to bear any such charges. On those grounds men of the true sportsman type give their services free.

At a special general meeting held at the Sports Club, Sydney, on March 8th, 1926, the following rule was unanimously agreed to, viz.:—

That the M.S.F.A. shall declare a ground rental for which a ground is provided in the Metropolitan and South Coast areas after taking into consideration the amount that is actually paid for the ground, and each home club shall be allowed £1 advertising per match out of the gross proceeds of the gate. Gatekeepers to be supplied by the home club free of charge.

Granville Club delegates were present at that meeting and voted for the introduction of the above rule.

In assessing the ground rent of Clyde Oval the Metropolitan Association did so on the figures supplied by the officials of the club, viz., £4/4/- paid to the Electrical Co. for the use of ground and £3/3/- paid Granville Junior Association for hire of appurtenances. The ther claim for gatekeepers was rejected, in order to with the above rule.

The Granville Club then to dishonor its agreement other clubs and withdrew competition on the day prior match arranged between and Gladesville-Ryde at the Cricket Ground No. 2.

The officials of the Club attended the meeting management committee on night, at the invitation of cutive, but they were adm their attitude, and the was reluctantly compelled drastic action.

It was decided that the and management committee present Granville Club be fied for an indefinite period that the players be suspended taking part in any football the jurisdiction of the tan Association.

It was further decided ganise the Granville Club that purpose a public meeting held in the Granville Thursday night.

The re-organised club will the premiership and second competitions with the ready obtained by the dis

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Northern Suburbs Association.

the special general meeting, the Town Hall, Chatswood, May, it was resolved to the recommendation that rst grade club be represented Management Committee o to make provision for the ment of an assistant secre- The executive now consists J. Bales, LL.B., President; Pickering, Hon. Secretary; Simons, Hon. Treasurer; H. is, Hon. Registrar; and N. Hon. Asst. Secretary, and ing hard for the success and ment of the game through- Northern Suburbs. Even early stage it is apparent e anticipations of the com- for the formation of a dis- b for the season 1927 have ell founded, judging from the ation and standard of play ed during the first four

es have been forwarded to ior Board of Control for the tion Cup and Murdoch

referees appointed for Sat- games are—at Roseville, Wiggins; at Willoughby, stlemaine; and at Waitara, Pickering.

emen desirous of giving ser- referees should communi- th the Hon. Secretary.

Saturday's fixtures will e competitions at the end first series of rounds and Crow's Nest can render what e the first defeat to North Rangers the latter team py premier position at the e first stage of the compe- North Sydney Rangers did beat Hornsby District last y and their success was watching the McAlpine-Wal- mbination on the right wing, has proved so consistent in up to the present, and also crowding of the goal mouth e Hornsby District backs, giving Foster, their cus- little chance of sighting om Swain and Co., of North

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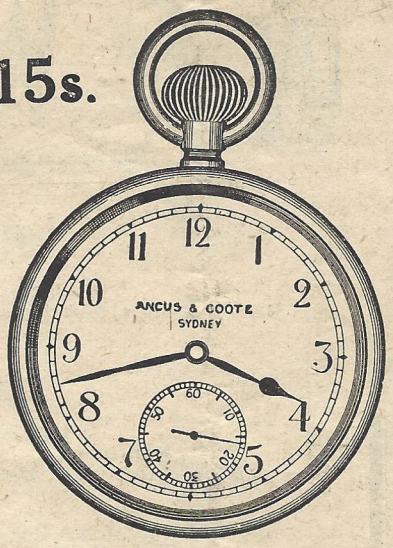

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The premiership tables are as follow:—

1ST GRADE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
N. Sydney Rgrs.	4	3	—	1	27	9	7
Hornsby District	4	3	1	—	19	8	6
Roseville . . .	4	1	1	2	10	16	4
Lane Cove . .	4	—	1	3	11	12	3
Crow's Nest . .	4	1	2	1	14	13	3
Syd. Har. Bridge	4	—	3	1	4	27	1

2ND GRADE

Hornsby Dist. A	4	4	—	—	16	4	8
N.S. Rangers A	4	3	1	—	8	3	6
Roseville . . .	4	2	2	—	19	6	4
Con. Schools . .	4	2	2	—	12	16	4
Hornsby Dist. B	4	1	3	—	5	11	2
N.S. Rangers B	4	—	4	—	2	22	0

Reply to Correspondent.

A. S. (Campsie): Yes, you are eligible to play in the Richardson Cup.

M.J.S.F.A.

FIXTURES FOR 29th MAY, 1926.

ANGUS AND COOTE CHALLENGE SHIELD.

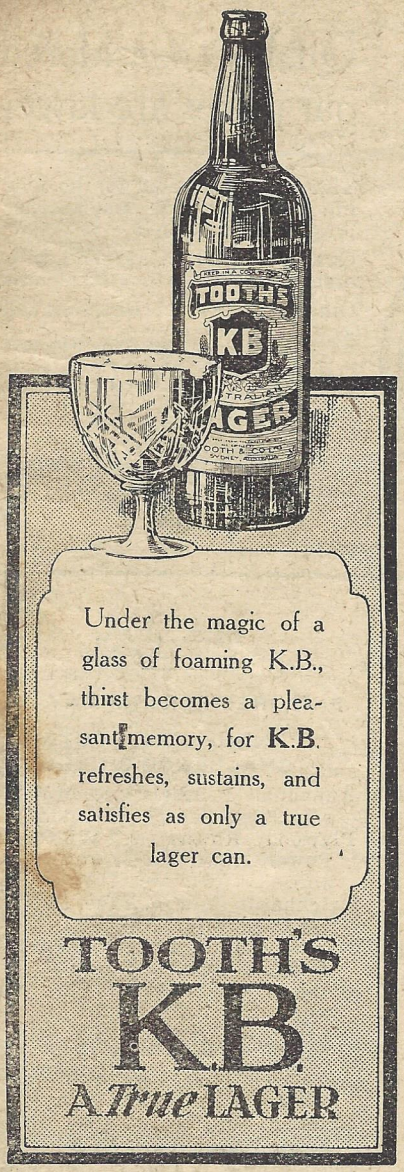
Annandale Federals v. George Hudson, King George Park, 3.15.
Plywood Rovers v. White Bay Power House, Wentworth Park, 3.15.
Leichhardt Jnrs. v. Five Dock, Algie Park, 3.15.
Newtown Jnrs. v. Easton Park, Alexandria Oval, 1.45.
Glebe I.O.O.F. v. Perdronian, Wentworth No. 1, 3.15.

B. Grade.

Annandale Waratahs received forfeit from Polytecnic Rangers.
Balmain Jnrs. v. Lilyfield United, King George Park, 1.45.
Ferfail Iona v. Botany Rechabites, Booralee, 3.15.
Wentworth Jnrs. v. Rozelle Waratahs, Wentworth No. 1, 1.45.

GLANVILLE MEMORIAL CUP.

Annandale Corinthians v. Annandale Fernleigh, Federal Park, 3.15.
Ashfield Rovers v. Lilyfield United, Algie Park, 2.0.
Ultimo Jnrs. v. Easton Park, Wentworth No. 2, 2.0.
Annandale Kia-Ora v. Leichhardt Jnrs., Federal Park, 2.0.
Annandale Avoca v. Rozelle Waratahs, Booralee, 2.0.



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PROGRAMME

BALGOWNIE v. EASTERN SUBURBS, Sydney Cricket Ground

BALGOWNIE.
(Black and White.)

D. Richardson
1 R. James 2 P. Hunter
3 W. Johnson 4 N. Swan 5 H. John
6 A. McMahon 7 D. Ward 8 J. Masters 9 J. Scarlet 10 T.

O

10 R. Howell 9 A. Roberts 8 B. Thomson 7 N. White
5 T. English 4 J. Comrie 3 N. W
2 C. Read 1 Bennie
Greagg

EASTERN SUBURBS.
(Red, White and Blue.)

Reserves—Balgownie, 11 Learmouth, 12 H. Masters, 13 Parke
Eastern Suburbs, 11 R. Maitland
Referee, A. W. Bates. Linesmen, Messrs. Moss and Smith.

Challenge Game, 1.45.

ALEXANDRIA v. EASTERN SUBURBS.

Alexandria team not to hand.

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21 Dyer 20 Lockhead 20 Bocarbarteille 19 Hewieson
17 J. Cartier 16 Massie 15 Dryde
14 McQuarrie 13 J. Jappy
Smith

EASTERN SUBURBS

Reserves—Eastern Suburbs, 22 Paton, 23 Judd
Referee, G. McGrath.

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PROGRAMME

LLE-RYDE v. PYRMONT-SOUTH SYDNEY, Redfern Oval, 3.15

GLADESVILLE-RYDE.

White

McKissock

2 E. Pont 1 A. Montgomery

5 H. Spurway 4 W. Maizey 3 J. Bradley

Robertson 9 G. MacFarlan 8 McKay 7 Fitzpatrick 6 Hain

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Davis 7 E. Childs 8 J. Callaghan 9 S. Veigal 10 Squires

Bailey 4 T. Burke 5 J. McKinney

1 Casley 2 S. Robinson

N. Verity

PYRMONT-SOUTH SYDNEY

(BLUE)

Gladesville-Ryde, 11 Henson, 12 Hill, 13 Dey

Skelly. Linesmen—Messrs. Hopper and Jackson

2nd Grade, 1.45

PYRMONT-SOUTH SYDNEY.

W. Crawford

12 J. Black 13 G. Lee

14 C. Hill 15 M. O'Toole 16 F. Jones

17 E. Richards 18 E. Richards 19 T. King 20 A. Watson 21 M. Watson

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22 H. Henson 21 Jennings 20 J. Simmons 19 Ainsworth

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FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY, MAY 29th, 1926.

All Age.

Bondi Beach v. Botany Meths., Centennial Park No. 12, 3.15.
Rose Bay v. Tingira, Double Bay, 3.15.
United Juniors v. Bondi Waratah, Moore Park, 3.15.

A. Grade.

Darlinghurst Rangers v. Banksmeadow Rovers, Centennial Park No. 13, 3.15.
Bondi Waratah v. Y.M.C.A., Centennial Park No. 12, 1.45.
Vaucluse v. Olympians, Double Bay, 1.45.
Bondi Beach v. Bondi United, Matraville, 3.15.

B. Grade.

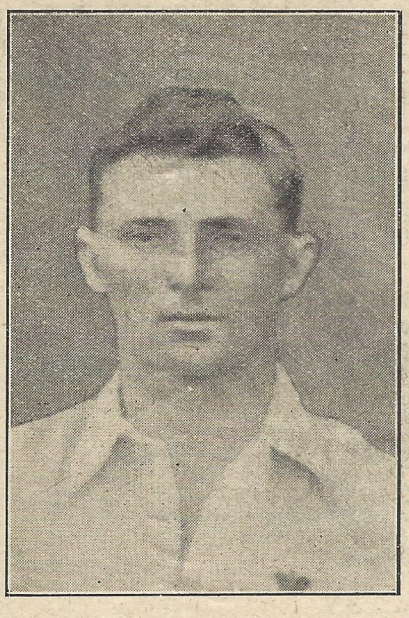
Alexandria Juniors, bye.
Daceyville Rovers v. Bondi Beach, Booralee, 3.15.
Waverley Juniors v. Bondi Waratah, Matraville, 1.45.
Farmers v. Waverley United, Centennial Park No. 13, 1.45.

C. Grade.

Vaucluse v. Alexandria Juniors, Booralee, 2.0.
Waverley Juniors v. Bondi Waratah, Moore Park, 2.0.
Tingira v. P.A. Juniors, Queens Park, 3.15.
Central Sports v. Bondi Beach, Queens Park, 2.0.

RESULTS LAST SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

Daceyville Rovers beat Waverley United, 4.2.
Alexandria Juniors beat Farmers, 20-0.
Bondi Beach beat Waverley Juniors, 3-0.



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An Ideal Centre-half,

TO-DAY

Sydney Cricket Ground, No. 2

Balgownie

v.

Eastern Suburbs

Kick-off 3.15

List of Club Secretaries

DISTRICT CLUBS.

Annandale-Leichhardt: J. [illegible] King St., Concord West.
Balmain: J. Young.
Canterbury: R. Grieve, "[illegible] Wonga St., Canterbury.
Eastern Suburbs: F. Hayes, [illegible] lissa," Consent Av., Bondi [illegible]
Gladesville-Ryde: A. [illegible] Sunnyside St., Gladesville.
Pyrmont: R. McKinney, 7 [illegible] Pyrmont.
St. George: R. G. Bird, "[illegible] stead," Walter St., Sans [illegible]
Balgownie: H. Johnston, [illegible] nie.
Corrimal: H. Kerr, Wil[illegible] Corrimal.
Woonona: E. Jarrett, Woo[illegible]
Thirroul: J. Unwin, Sou[illegible] Thirroul.

CLUB LEAGUE.

Alexandria: H. Stubbs, 16 [illegible] St., Alexandria.
Auburn United: V. Costella, [illegible] stead Rd., Flemington.
Botany Albion: H. A. [illegible] "Lily Glen," Underwood [illegible] Botany.
Callan Park: H. C. Hall, [illegible] Hospital, Callan Park.
Kenilworth: Wm. Leslie, [illegible] St., Leichhardt.
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match promises to be the the season. Rivalry between o centres is at its zenith. y rivalry it is, too; just the ambition of each set of to excel. In the last en- nt at Newcastle, the Metro- eleven was beaten 3-0, but s every prospect of the de eing reversed.

electors, Messrs W. Carroll, Wright, J. F. Black, J. Mc- and S. Howard, have a strong team to battle for tropolis against a powerful er Newcastle eleven.

Metropolitan Association represented by:—

keeper: Fred. Anderson (An- Leichhardt).

Backs: S. Robinson (Pyr- uth Sydney) and W. Brown bury).

Backs: N. Swan (Balgow- Hancock (Balmain) and H. y (Gladesville-Ryde).

rds: J. Hain (Gladesville- G. Smith (Corrimal), J. (Balgownie), S. Viegel t-South Sydney) and T. on (Balgownie).

rves—Full-Back: J. Crum ale-Leichhardt). Half-backs her (Corrimal), H. Barr ul). Forwards: A. Viegel na), L. Brisbane (Annan- chhardt).

Masters has been chosen as

PERSONALS.

Judy Masters, Australian captain and centre-forward, is just as nippy as he was five years ago, and often bewilders the opposition defence with his nippy movements.

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Angus Forbes, Canterbury's centre-half, has been displaying his versatility lately. He netted two goals against Thirroul at Canterbury, and when he was not busy "Shooting," he was on the qui-vive keeping the forward line supplied.

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Jim Crum, captain and full-back of Annandale, plays a useful game. He kicks solidly with either foot. Partnered by Turner and with Anderson in goal, the Annandale defence is something to be reckoned with.

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It is a pleasure to see the youthful Simmons defending for Balmain again. This young player was recruited from Second Grade last season, and since then has been displaying the fine art of goal-keeping to Balmain enthusiasts. It is not very often that opposition sharp-shooters take him unawares.

Gladesville-Ryde have a find in their goalie, McKissock. This fine defender and exponent of the goal-keeping art hails from the home of Soccer.

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Another successor to Nick Cartwright is claimed in "Tiny" Theak, the St. George custodian. He is only a lad—17 last month to be correct—but reaches 6ft. 4in. in his socks. Two years ago he was playing C Grade (under 16) and last year kept the sticks for the first time with the successful Kogarah A. team. With such a rapid rise he is naturally somewhat nervous, but has brought off some brilliant saves this season.

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Bad luck has fallen on Dick Chiswell, the captain of Saints XI. He strained the cartilage of his knee in the trial games and has been unable to take the field to date. He is at present under Mr. Langridge's treatment.

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Oscar Lawlor (St. George reserve team), who fractured his arm at Clyde Oval, is looked upon as a promising left-winger. He represented the Metropolis against the British Squadron junior team in April, 1924.

PROGRAMME

THIRROUL v. BALMAIN, at Thirroul, 3.30 p.m.

BALMAIN.

H. Simmons

1 F. Barron — 2 R. Leadbetter

3 W. Ferguson — 4 G. Storey — 5 W. Byers

6 L. Parker — 7 W. Craig — 8 W. Buttel — 9 J. Sinclair — 10 E. Heyman

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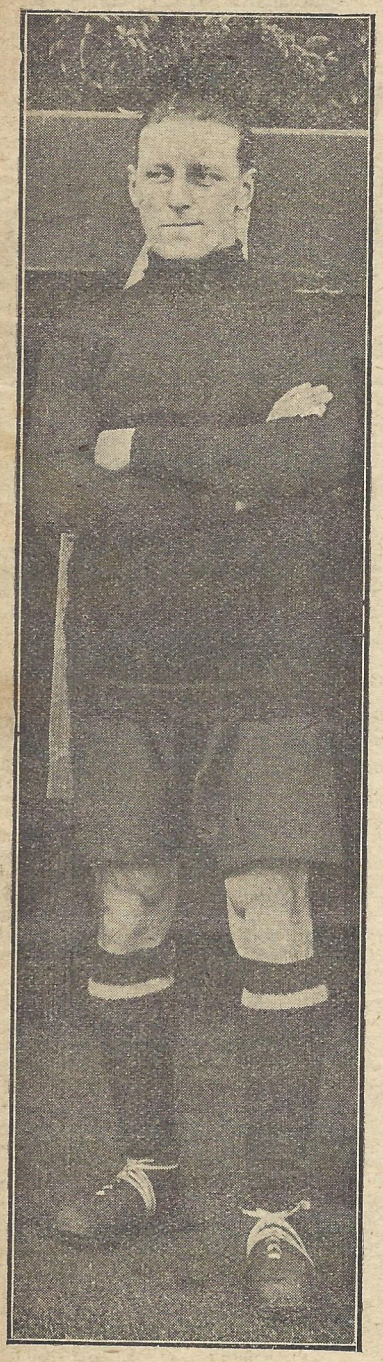
10 Reay — 9 Donaldson — 8 Bell — 7 Taylor — 6 Flynn

5 Jobson — 4 Morgan — 3 Barr

2 Stewart — 1 Turner

Smith

THIRROUL.



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PROGRAMME.

WOONOONA v. ST. GEORGE, Ibrox Park, 3.15 p.m.

WOONOONA.

S. Howard

1 F. Harper 2 D. Green

3 A. Oldfield 4 A. Cunningham 5 E. Gerling

6 J. Ward 7 E. Ward 8 T. Flint 9 A. Viegal 10 W.

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10 F. Melliar-Smith 9 Hayes 8 Dean 7 McCaw 6

5 Burchett 4 A. Chiswell 3 R. Chiswell

2 Smart 1 Forrester

H. Theak

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2nd Grade, 1.45

BALMAIN v. ST. GEORGE

BALMAIN.

T. Davidson

12 W. Pont 13 S. Jelfs

14 A. McKillop 15 L. Jelfs 16 R. White

17 J. McDonald 18 Gilmartin 19 H. McLeod 20 Buttel 21 D.

O

21 W. Perry 20 H. Birchnoff 19 A. Stepto 18 C. Brown 17 M.

16 D. Beach 15 J. Hotchkiss 14 W. Worrall

13 S. Lewis 12 G. Wilkinson

A. Worrall

ST. GEORGE

Referee—H. Battin

Metropolitan Association

LTS OF LAST SATURDAY'S GAMES.

1st Grade.

dale-Leichhardt beat Woo- 1-0.

nie beat Canterbury, 4-1.

beat Eastern Suburbs, 6-4.

beat St. George, 3-1.

beat Pyrmont-South Syd- 1-0.

forfeited to Gladesville-

2nd Grade.

bury beat Pyrmont-South ey, 5-1.

drew with Eastern Sub- 1-1.

ge forfeited to Annandale- hardt.

forfeited to Gladesville-

CLUB LEAGUE.

drew with Kenilworth, 2-2.

-South Sydney drew with dria; 3-3.

Park beat G. R. Holcombe,

Albions beat Balmain, 4-0.

To-Day's Fixtures

v. Eastern Suburbs, Syd- Cricket Ground No. 2, 3.15.

v. St. George, Ibrox Park,

-Ryde v. Pyrmont-South Redfern Oval, 3.15.

-Leichhardt v. Canter- Canterbury, 3.15.

v. Corrimal, deferred.

v. Balmain, Thirroul, 3.30.

2nd Grade.

Gladesville-Ryde v. Pyrmont-South Sydney, Redfern Oval, 1.45.

Canterbury v. Annandale-Leichhardt, Canterbury, 1.45.

Granville v. Eastern Suburbs, deferred.

Balmain v. St. George, Ibrox Park, 1.45.

CLUB LEAGUE.

Botany Albion v. Callan Park, Callan Park, 2.15.

Balmain v. Manly, Easton Park.

G. R. Holcombe v. Auburn United, Alexandria Park, 3.15.

Alexandria, bye.

Kenilworth v. Pyrmont-South Sydney, Easton Park, 1.45.

FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY, 5th JUNE, 1926.

1st Grade.

Granville v. Canterbury, Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, 3.15.

Pyrmont-South Sydney v. Annandale-Leichhardt, Ibrox Park, 3.15.

St. George v. Gladesville-Ryde, Redfern Oval, 3.15.

Balmain v. Balgownie, Easton Park, 3.15.

Eastern Suburbs v. Woonona, Woonona, 3.30.

Corrimal v. Thirroul, Thirroul, 3.30.

2nd Grade.

Granville v. Canterbury, S.C.G. No. 2, 1.45.

Pyrmont-South Sydney v. Annandale-Leichhardt, Ibrox Park, 1.45.

St. George v. Gladesville-Ryde, Redfern Oval, 1.45.

Balmain v. Eastern Suburbs, Easton Park, 1.45.

PREMIERSHIP TABLES

First Grade

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Ann.-Leichhardt	8	6	2	—	13	7	12
Granville	8	6	2	—	27	6	12
Glad.-Ryde	8	6	2	—	15	10	12
Canterbury	8	5	3	—	26	15	10
Balgownie	7	5	2	—	22	8	10
Woonoona	7	4	3	—	17	15	8
Corrimal	7	4	3	—	21	17	8
East. Suburbs	8	3	5	—	13	19	6
Balmain	8	2	4	2	16	23	6
Thirroul	7	2	5	—	8	28	4
Pyr.-Sth. Sydney	8	1	6	1	8	21	3
St. George	8	-	7	1	9	27	1

2nd Grade

Ann.-Leichhardt	8	8	—	—	19	1	16
Granville	8	5	3	—	28	7	10
Canterbury	8	4	2	2	19	11	10
Balmain	8	3	2	3	15	16	9
Pyr.-Sth. Sydney	8	2	5	1	10	25	5
East. Suburbs	8	2	5	1	9	21	5
Glad.-Ryde	8	2	5	1	11	22	5
St. George	8	2	6	—	9	18	4

Club League

	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts
Bot. Albion	6	5	—	—	1	24	11	12
Alexandria	6	4	1	1	—	36	12	9
Aub. United	6	3	2	—	1	30	8	8
Callan Park	6	3	2	—	1	22	3	8
Pyr.-Sth. Syd.	6	2	2	1	1	13	15	7
Manly	6	1	3	1	1	8	33	5
Kenilworth	6	1	3	2	—	8	19	4
Balmain	6	1	4	1	—	7	21	3
G. Holcombe	6	—	5	—	1	5	32	2

CLUB LEAGUE.

Botany Albion v. Manly, Keirle Park, 3.15.

Callan Park v. Auburn United, Callan Park, 2.15.

Balmain v. Pyrmont-South Sydney, Booralee Park, 3.15.

G. R. Holcombe v. Alexandria, Alexandria Park, 3.15.

Kenilworth, bye.

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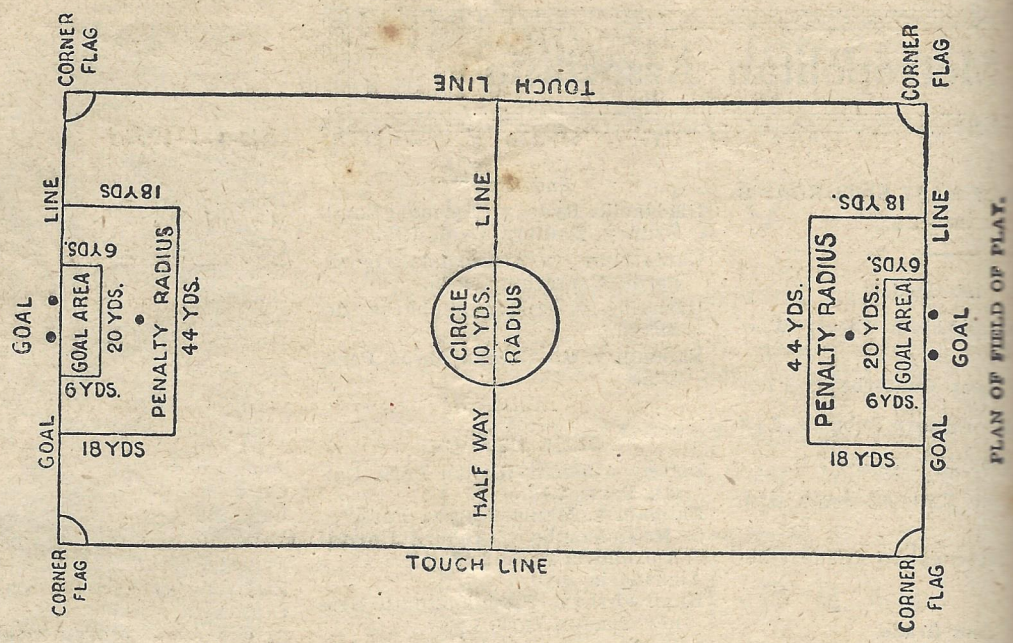

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Eleven players form a Soccer side—five forwards, three half-backs, two backs and a goalkeeper. The duration of the game is 45 minutes each way.

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The ball is kicked off from the centre of the field optionally by the side which loses the toss for choice of goals. After each goal, the game is recommenced in the same way by the eleven which did not score. A goal is only scored when the ball crosses the goal line between the posts.

When the ball goes behind, it is kicked off from within the goal area, nearest the point it went out.

If the ball is played behind by one of the defending side, a player of the attacking side kicks it from the nearest corner flagstaff. That is called a corner kick.

When the ball goes into touch, a player of the opposite side to that which played the ball out throws it in from the point where it left the field of play.

In the event of intentional handling of the ball, and tripping, kicking or holding an oppone[illegible] charging an opponent from [illegible] by the defending side in the [illegible] area, the referee awards a [illegible] kick, which is taken from [illegible] alty mark with all the play[illegible] cept the kicker and the [illegible] goal-keeper, standing at le[illegible] yards from the ball.

A free kick is given for [illegible] the above infringements co[illegible] outside the penalty area. [illegible] kicker's opponents must [illegible] proach within 10 yards of the [illegible]

A player is offside when he [illegible] or attempts to take, a forw[illegible] in other than his own ha[illegible] there are not at least two op[illegible] in front of him. It is not [illegible] fringement to stand off-side.

A goal cannot be scored [illegible] from a kick-off, or goal k[illegible] from free kicks except wh[illegible] are awarded for handling, tr[illegible] kicking, striking or illegally [illegible] ing an opponent.

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to

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LAST SATURDAY'S GAMES.

The sensation of the day was the defeat of Holy Trinity A. by All Souls to the tune of 3-0. It was a good game, the better team on the day winning. Campsie Meths. put it over St. Barts., who talk among themselves too much. As predicted Wal. Dunford's team got home, but as they were evidently too tired to carry corner flags will be sorry for it. St. Oswalds have evidently found themselves at last —to the discomfort of Lakemba Congs.

As predicted Tempe Park Meths. got home, but Ed. Dates' team gave St. Silas A. a real good run for their money, 1-1. Lee played a great game, and Power and Wallace played good games at Wardell Road No. 4.

Leichhardt Meths. knocked predictions sky high when they towelled Campsie Meth. B., 3-1. St. Johns also were a bit of a surprise —particularly to Lakemba Congs. B. Phelps, Henley and Christie played well at Ashfield.

Following the good example of their A. team, Croydon Congs. B. also had a win, but only just. The Davies Bros., of Christ Church, are a fine pair of forwards.

Dul. Hill Meths. were able to collect a couple of points.

TO-DAY'S GAMES.

Holy Trinity A. will journey to the Hawkesbury Agricultural College to play a friendly game. Mr. A. E. Titterton will represent the Association. It is expected that the Millers Point team will have no difficulty in winning the game.

All Souls should have—on paper—an easy victory. However, Manager Warner says they'll field a full team to-day for the first time this season, so it's just possible that Souls will not collect two points. St. Aidans A. and St. Oswalds should both win.

St. Silas A. might not field a full team to-day; so St. Thomas A. should retain their place. Tempe Park Meths. should win as might Campsie Pres.

As St. Johns gave Lakemba Congs. B. a thrashing last week, Croydon Congs. A. should experience no qualms to-day. If Leichhardt Meths. reproduce last week's form then St. Johns will need to be careful.

Steve Biggs reckons he'll stop St. Andrews to-day. Nobody else does. Balmain Meths. will have an easy victory.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Teams are reminded that the usual monthly Council meeting will be held on Tuesday next, at 8 p.m. The full programme for 7th June will be available.

GALA DAY, 7th JUNE.

Date of closing of entries for the above has been extended till to-day. At the Council meeting tickets for admission will be available at 6d. each. These tickets will be sold at the meeting—not given out to be sold. All contestants will need to purchase tickets. The prizes won on this day will be presented at the dance, to be held in the I.O.O.F. Temple on Saturday, 19th June. The Pages Bros. Orchestra has been engaged. Tickets, 2/- each.

OBITUARY.

This paper, the Soccer World in general and the P.C.S.F.A. in particular, extend their heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Christie, of Balmain Meths. in his recent sad bereavement.

PLAYER CROWHURST.

This player is ill in the Balmain Hospital, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

'FLU.

Though on leave of absence for other reasons, the President has been confined to his bed since last Tuesday week. The Hon. Sec. was indisposed during the week, is Mr. Hibbet, of St. Andrews. Messrs. Brydie and Meyers, present last Tuesday night, have been in bed. A couple of officials of Campsie Meths. also been under its influence.

DRAW FOR SATURDAY, 5th JUNE.

First Grade.

St. Bartholomews v. St. Cong., Wardell Road No. 4, 3.15.
St. Aidans A. v. All Souls, 3.15.
Leichhardt Pres. v. All Saints, Wardell Road No. 2, 3.15.
Campsie Meths. v. Holy Trinity, Canterbury No. 2, 3.15.
Lakemba Congs A., bye.

2nd Grade—"A". Division.

St. Silas A. v. St. Pauls A., 3.15.
St. Stephens v. St. Thomas, Wardell Road No. 3, 3.15.
St. Michaels v. Holy Trinity, Canterbury No. 2, 1.45.
Campsie Pres. v. Newtown, Canterbury No. 3, 3.15.
Tempe Park Meths., bye.

2nd Grade—"B" Division.

St. Johns v. Concord Meths., Concord, 3.15.
Lakemba Congs B. v. St. Pauls, Lakemba, 3.15.
All Saints B. v. Leichhardt, Wardell Road No. 2, 1.45.
Kogarah Pres. v. Croydon Congs. A., Wardell Road No. 1, 3.15.
Campsie Meths. v. Balmain, Wardell Road No. 1, 1.45.

3rd Grade—"A" Division.

Botany Pres v. St. Silas B., Botany, 1.45.
Annandale Meths. v. Congs. B., Ashfield, 1.45.
St. Albans v. Christ Church, Centennial Park No. 1, 3.15.
St. Andrews, S.H. v. St. Aidans, Wardell Road No. 3, 1.45.

3rd Grade—"B" Division.

St. Andrews, Lak. v. Congs., Canterbury No. 3.
Warren Meths. v. Balmain, Centennial Park No. 1, 1.45.
Marrickville Pres. A. v. Dul. Meths., Centennial Park, 3.15.
St. Thomas B. v. Marrickville Pres. B., Wardell Road, 1.45.

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